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REMARKS

Claims 9-13 are pending in the present application.

The claims have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim applicants' invention. Claims 3 and 5-8 have been canceled without prejudice to their presentation in a continuing application and in the interest of expediting prosecution of the present application. This amendment is fully supported by the application as filed and presents no new matter.

Claims 3 and 5-8 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,201,557 ("Schlack"). This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, in the interest of expediting prosecution, these claims have been cancelled without prejudice to applicants presenting the claim in a subsequent continuing application.

Claims 9-13 have been allowed.

Since all claims in the present application have been allowed, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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